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Applicant(s): NAGATA, et al
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Group: 2871
Examiner: M. Ton

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application

As to the requirement for restriction to one of the inventions identified as invention I - claims 2-3, 9-10, 14 and 18, drawn to the silicon nitride film satisfying the particular formula of a wavelength of 555 nm, classified in class 349, subclass 43, and invention II - claims 4-5, drawn to the silicon nitride film having a particular thickness' range, classified in class 349, subclass 138, the requirement is traversed as being improper, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants note that the Examiner has recognized, as indicated in paragraph 4 at page 3 of the Office Action, that "Currently, claims 1, 6-8, 11-13, 15-17 and 19 are generic." (emphasis added)